In this cheerio counting lesson, students will listen to a story about cheerio counting and then participate in hands on activities using the cheerios! They will work on counting to 10.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to count and write from 1 to 10.

Materials and preparation

- A box of Cheerios cereal (1 box per class)
- Cheerios Counting Book by Will Mcgrath
- String
- Construction paper with 6 circles (1 per student)
- Premade cheerio necklace for the teacher.
- Crayon or pencil (1 per student)

Introduction (5 minutes)

- To begin the lesson, have the class count to 10.
- Ask students to tell you how old they are. Have them hold up the number of fingers that corresponds to their age.
- Explain that today the class will be using cheerios to practice counting to 10!

Explicit Instruction/Teacher modeling (10 minutes)

- Read the Cheerios Counting Book.
- Ask students to help count throughout the book.
- Show students a cheerio necklace and have students count how many cheerios are on the necklace.

Guided Practice (5 minutes)

- Give each student a piece of paper that has circles on it.
- Give each student a handful of cheerios.
- Instruct the class to place 3 cheerios inside the first circle. Then have them write the number 3 below the circle.

Independent working time (15 minutes)

- Now, have students continue to fill the circles with cheerios and write the amount per circle below.
- Walk around the room to make sure students are completing the activity correctly.
- If students are having difficult writing the numbers, write them in highlighter or yellow crayon so students can trace them.

Related books and/or media

- BOOK: Little Owl's 1-2-3 by Divya Srinivasan

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Differentiation

- **Enrichment:** Students succeeding in this activity should be given additional circles to fill with cheerios or more cheerios to practice counting 1-20.
- **Support:** Using a number line for this activity can help students who have difficulty writing numbers. Prewriting numbers under the circles will help, too!

Assessment *(10 minutes)*

- Give students yarn and another handful of cheerios. Ask students to place a certain number of cheerios on their yarn to create a necklace or bracelet.
- Count the amount they put on to make sure they are correct.

Review and closing *(5 minutes)*

- Invite students to count the cheerios as they eat them!